(e) Question does not arise.

Death due to non-availability of timely medical treatment

47. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-availability of timely medical treatment turned fatal to a Delhi Police Constable late on Sunday night, the 19th August, 2001 when he bled to death in the casualty ward of the premier Central Government Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, how can anyone expect anything better when a policeman on duty can be left to die in a City hospital;

(c) the details of the case; and

(d) the steps taken that such incidents do not recur in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The facilities for treatment of emergency/trauma cases are available in the Casualty Department of Safdarjung Hospital round the clock. Such facilities are provided without any discrimination to all.

(c) Late Shri Rahimuddin, Head Constable, Delhi Police reported to the Casualty of Safdarjung Hospital on 19.8.2001 at 9.00 P.M. having crush injury in both the upper limbs, injury of the left lower limb associated with head injury. The patient was in a condition of shock. Therefore surgical intervention was not possible. All efforts were made to bring the patient out of shock but the patient could not be revived and expired at 11.30 P.M. on 19.8.2001.

(d) Safdarjung Hospital is well-equipped in terms of manpower and equipments to provide proper treatment to such patients.

Treatment by Doctors and Hospitals ETC. in Emergency Cases

48. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to make it obligatory on the part of Medical Practitioners and specially for the Nursing Homes/Hospitals not to refuse treatment to persons in emergency and trauma-related situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in their judgement dated 6.5.1996 in SLP(C) No. 796/92-Paschim Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity & Others *Vs.* State of West Bengal & Others suggested remedial measures to ensure immediate medical attention and treatment to persons in real needs. Hon'ble Court had given directions that other States though not parties should also take necessary steps in the light of recommendations made by the Inquiry Committee which was set up by the State Government of West Bengal. The copies of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court were circulated on 12.12.1996 to all States/Union Territories with the suggestion to take appropriate action for carrying out orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Suitable guidelines were also issued on 13.12.1996 to all Hospitals/ Institutes under Central Government *viz.* All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, JIPMER, Pondicherry, Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. As per the guidelines, all patients whose condition is morbid serious should be admitted even if beds are not available and have to be paid all necessary attention. In no case the patient will be left unattended for want of beds in the emergency/casualty Department. Accordingly, the Central Government Hospitals are following the guidelines.

Development and Upgradation of Government Hospitals

49. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive plan to develop and upgrade all the Government hospitals in the country, particularly in the rural and backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, hospitals-wise; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given for the various health projects under implementation in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.